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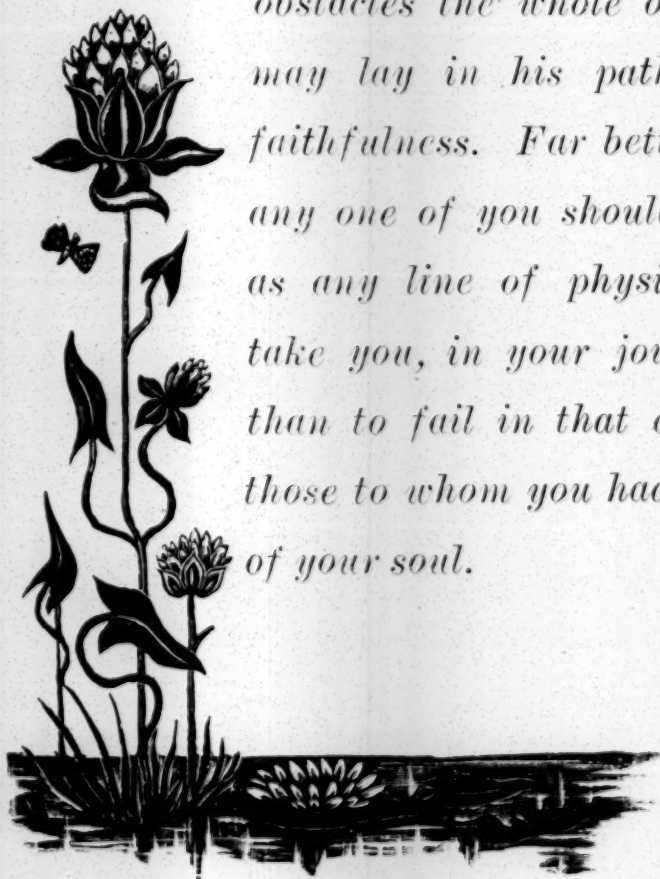
Behold, I give



unto thee a key.

THE UNFORGIVABLE SIN.

There is but one unforgivable sin. It is treachery to another human being, or to a righteous cause. There is but one virtue that can take a chela over all the obstacles the whole of the Black Lodge may lay in his pathway, and that is faithfulness. Far better would it be that any one of you should go astray, as far as any line of physical straying could take you, in your journey through life, than to fail in that one respect toward those to whom you had plighted the word of your soul.



FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

THE BURDEN BEARER.

As the years flash by, the powers of the body wane, the eye grows dim and the ear becomes deaf to the wood-dove's note, if the heart of man has not been seared by the cruelty, or frozen by the neglect of the fellow pilgrims traveling the same path with him, a sense of deep loneliness, an unutterable longing for companionship comes over him; a longing for the clasp of a friendly hand, a glance of understanding from the eye of some other soul who has passed through the same valley of torture and caught a glimpse of the place of peace.

If he has gained the power of clear sight, not even the knowledge that he has been deceived and exploited by those he has met and loved most unselfishly will serve to kill out the intense longing he feels for the realization of the ideal he has so often fitted to the self of the beloved.

Hope is the last live thing to die in the human heart, and as long as hope lives, the soul will continue to search for its ideal. Though that soul must look forward as well as backward to a long stretch of sodden graves wherein now lie, or one day will lie the dead forms of those who once have worn the garments of his Ideal, all expectant, alert and watchful he waits continuously for the first glimpse of the "other self," the "self" who will not die, the Self that will blot out forever from his consciousness that long line of graves.

What though the hand of that other self seems soiled and stained from contact with the things of the world which soil and stain the body, there will be enough of purity, compassion and loving kindness behind the impulse which prompts the outstretching of that hand which meets his own to wash away at once and forever every spot and blemish, leaving only an image of the white hand of the Christ visible to his eye.

Every cry of pain or sorrow falling upon thine ear or piercing thy heart is an appeal from that Ideal of thine. Each time thy hand springs forth compassionately to a suffering soul, that hand will grasp the hand of thy beloved,—the Christ.

"WAITING."

Pure as the thoughts of an angel,
Deep as the fathomless sea,
Wide as the bounds of the Cosmos
Is the Master's love for me.

He knows all my faults and failings,
How oft I fain would give up
When, sunk in griefs and bewailings,
My soul shrinks from "draining the cup."

Time after time have I failed Him,
Life after life have I strayed,
Oft to the cross have I nailed Him;
In my ignorance undismayed.

But now! I cognize His splendor!
His gentleness, patience and—more:
His love for me, the offender,
The "prodigal son" of yore.

Now waiting in deep contrition,
Withal inexpressibly sweet,
Some day I will gain recognition
And sit at the Master's feet.

Olalla, B. C.

—R. W. NORTHEY.

THE SEED OF LIFE.

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The vagaries of the human intellect are truly phenomenal. The extent to which the inhibition of a single brain cell may incite an individual to acts of cruelty and injustice is one of the great mysteries of life. Especially is this true if that cell is a part of the brain center which governs the correlative functions of the mind. In considering the results of a single event in the life of an individual which, to all appearances, should have been controlled by the most simple laws of nature, it is frequently found that the balance between two formerly perfectly harmonized centers of force in a physical organ has been mysteriously destroyed. The cause of the

destruction of balance lies in the overwhelming of the positive electrical pranic or life force by the negative aspect of the same force, owing to the before mentioned inhibition of some of the brain cells which control that organ and this has been the result of concentrated selfish thought along a line of mentality that is destructive to balance.

In no instances are the foregoing truths more evident than in the attitude of the great majority of the human race toward the great Souls which have come or have been divinely sent to earth for the development of the race by raising the vibratory action of the atomic substance of certain brain centers in the units of the race. It is seldom that one, even among the brightest intellects of this age, is capable of recognizing such a high initiate or understanding the motives and purposes which actuate him. He is always the incarnation of an older soul than are the souls of the race he enters, and he is possessed of finer and stronger powers of mind and body.

Among the offices he must undertake is, metaphorically speaking, to fire the refuse—the wrong beliefs—of the age in which he incarnates, and to lay the fires—inspire higher ideals—for the humanity of the succeeding age. Wars and revolutions and increased activity in all fields of material life may result from the fires he then sets—the increase in the rates of vibration he establishes.

As a result of his labors the set opinions, creeds, and dogmas of the orthodox religions of the great majority of the race in which he incarnates must undergo many changes. If he does not measure up to the religious, ethical, and social ideals of the general public, the age old cry of "crucify or hang him, ostracize or imprison him" rises from numberless throats. The wrongly taught masses imagine that such a man must be a model, a pattern, upon which each contemporary man or woman, community or organization must be built. They do not realize that he is of different nature in many respects from them. He is an intermediary, a combination of the extreme of development in an older race and the initial impulses of development for a new race.

No one but a great Soul could voluntarily take upon himself such an incarnation of suffering as every Avatar has endured for the love of humanity. He is a living sacrifice, (In one sense the old is always a sacrifice for the new), and not until the Avatar or Great Soul,—the Saviour of a racial period, has passed from the ken of

the humanity of that period and the evidences of the work he has done begin to appear does his real life and nature become apparent save to his personal disciples. To the orthodox priestly classes in authority at the time he is a devil, a sensualist, a collaborator with evil spirits, or at the best an object of pity. They do not understand him, and but very few among the masses of the people realize that an angel has passed their way when he has left their sphere of action, or that he has opened the way for an incoming host of souls who are to raise the vibratory pulse of the world.


Something similar to a miracle has occurred in the very substance of his body as a result of his great renunciation and suffering. The embryological life of some of the cells of his body have changed their rate of vibration to a higher degree. The atomic substance of some cell, organ, or feature of his very flesh has become as it were a group of seed by means of which the atomic substance of similar cells in all bodies of flesh will eventually be changed. You are only to consider the changes which have occurred in the substance of some of the lower forms of animal and plant life as a result of the labor of the embryologist to understand somewhat of the rationale of the changes which may occur even in the nature of human flesh by the action of mental energy on physical substance as a result of the efforts of the Great Souls who come this way from a more interior plane of life. A stronger link is formed by them between the races of man and between God and man.

These Great Souls can only incarnate on the physical plane when the cyclic law has opened a period which will allow for such changes as have taken place in every age even before man became the intelligent, self-conscious being he is today. Yet as a rule man still fails to recognize them, although they have been, as it were, the seed of every advance in life and will continue to be so until the God in man as in nature is fully recognized by the human race.

The process by which the changes take place in the cells of the bodies of the Avatars of each great root race is repeated in lesser degree in the cases of the most highly developed units of each sub-race. The mysteries of embryology cannot be solved by science until it recognizes the fact that there is a central cell of generation in every organic body, and a similar secondary central cell in every organ and distinct division of such a body. As an illustration of the process by which such changes occur take the actions and reactions of mental and physical energy combined within the central generative cells of the body of one of our ancestors. The impress

of the ideal in the mind of that ancestor is made on the atomic substance of one of those central cells, and the atoms constituting the molecules of that central cell become as it were a group of seed which are capable of impregnating the atomic substance of all the other cells of the organ involved. If the impress was made on one of the three main cells instead of that upon the central cell of a single organ, the atomic substance of every organ of the body would be affected.

The body as a whole has three central cells which lie in the heart, the brain, and the generative organs. The impress made on the atomic substance of the heart center by the ideal in the mind of a human being accelerates the vibration of the heart and affects the whole blood stream as a result of the change in the rate of vibration. If made on the central brain cell it affects the atomic substance of the cerebellum and spine and the pineal and pituitary glands primarily. If made on the central cell of the generative organs, the changes occur in the embryonic form and features of the descendants of the individual ancestor of the family or race who has made the impression. Some of the emotional tendencies of the parents of a child will be transmitted to the child as the result of the emotional action of the parents on the central cell of the heart of the child. The atavistic tendencies—the transmission of features and characteristics from ancestors to descendants are evolved in the atomic substance of the central cells of the generative organs of the ancestors, who have at some cyclic period of their lives formed an ideal of a type of form and features which have appealed to them. By means of manasic energy so generated the ideal of that type has been transmitted and fixed in the atomic substance of the central cells of the generative organs of their descendants, and the form, features and characteristics of that type will appear in their descendants, although it is possible for them to skip several generations before appearing.

H—

THE FEMININE CYCLE.

Owing to certain developments which have occurred in recent years, we feel it incumbent upon us to call attention to the danger facing those students of Occultism who are innocently being led into allying themselves with the bodies of men and women who are under the direction of false teachers. These teachers are using

methods of instruction for self-development, in the cases of their victims, which are greatly disapproved by the Masters of Wisdom of the White Lodge. While on the surface the instructions issued by the said teachers appear to be spiritually high and moral in tone, it has been observed that eventually the tone of them is changed in private classes and the students are led into indulging in practices of a very sensual nature. Therefore, great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers by those students just entering upon the study of Occultism.

Women are more easily deceived by the adventurers who form the said students into classes than are men; especially is this true in more recent years for the following reasons:

The closing of the masculine or positive aspect of half of the present great world cycle opened the way for an inrush of the cosmic forces of the feminine or negative aspect of the same cycle. We are now on the upward arc of that cycle and the strength and action of said forces on the female sex in all fields of life is constantly increasing. It is due to the action of these great universal forces, directed as they are by high spiritual entities, that women have been brought to the front in all lines of life since the year of 1898.

The unsatisfied hunger of womankind for knowledge, especially along the lines of physical economy, philosophy and science, has been met by many opportunities for obtaining knowledge in the said fields. Naturally, women are drawn to the study of the philosophy of Occultism and the Mysteries of Sex as therein expressed appeal to them strongly, and in many instances have made them a prey to the false teachers who presume to try to explain these mysteries which no one save a Master of Wisdom could perfectly fathom. Naturally many men are also interested in this subject and have been equally deceived by the charlatans who have preyed upon women.

For the enlightenment of Templars we will state a few extracts from an instruction given by the Master H., as follows:

"If all students of Occultism would bear strongly in mind one very obvious fact, they might be saved much humiliation. The fact that any one posing as a teacher of the mysteries, agrees to reveal a secret method of self-development for obtaining the so-called Elixir of Life, or for the possession of unlimited power over matter by means of the use of the generative organs of sex,

proves himself a false teacher, for he knows he cannot fulfill his promises and also knows that he would be using the methods of black magicians in attempting to do so:

"Purity of purpose, of motive, expression and execution are the first essentials of true discipleship and no Master of the Great White Brotherhood could endorse any method of self-development which led to a perversion of the sex forces."

The natural desire of humanity to investigate any mystery of nature is increased to an enormous degree in the case of an occultist, and in many instances both men and women become victims of some emissary of evil in the guise of an angel of light.

Similar methods have been used by devotees of Black Magic in all ages and always with the same results,—the degeneracy of the victims of their own sensuality, or the development of a desire for superhuman power, which is only obtainable by super-physical methods. The methods of repressing the sex forces are no more occult than are the methods openly taught by teachers of Sex Hygiene for preventing conception in abnormal cases, although given out by false instructors to their students as great Occult secrets, and which only lead to increase of sensuality and are to be avoided by all normally healthy people.

G. IN C.

THE OCCULT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ZODIAC.

The students of astrology accept the Zodiac as a fact in nature and a discovery, but when that discovery was made no one knows.

"Instead of the twelve signs now used there were originally but ten known to the general public, namely, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo-Scorpio, Saggitarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pices. These were exoteric, but in addition there were two mystical signs inserted which none but Initiates comprehended, namely, at the middle or junction point where now stands Libra and at the sign now called Scorpio, which follows Virgo. When it was found necessary to make them exoteric these two secret signs were added under the present appellations as blinds to conceal the true names, which gave the key to the whole secret of creation and divulged the origin of good and evil."

The true Sabeian astrological doctrine secretly taught that within this double sign was hidden the explanation of the gradual transformation of the world from its spiritual and subjective into the

two-sexed state. The twelve signs were therefore divided into two groups. The first six were called the ascending, or the line of Macrocosm (the spiritual world), the last six the descending line, or the Microcosm (the secondary world). They were reflection of the former, so to say.

This division was called Ezekiel's Wheel, and was completed in the following way: First came the ascending five signs (euphemized into Patriarchs), Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, and the group concluded with Virgo-Scorpio. Then came the turning point, Libra, after which the first half of the sign Virgo-Scorpio was duplicated and transferred to the lower or descending group of Microcosm, which ran down to Pices or Noah (deluge).

To make it clearer, the sign Virgo-Scorpio, which appeared originally as Virgo-Scorpio, was placed between Libra, the seventh sign (which is Enoch, or the Angel Metatron or Mediator between spirit and matter, or God and man). It now became Scorpio (or Cain), which sign or patriarch led mankind to destruction, according to exoteric theology; but according to the true doctrine of the Wisdom Religion it indicated the degradation of the whole universe in its course of evolution downward from the subjective to the objective."

The sign Libra is credited as a later invention by the Greeks, but it is not generally stated that those among them who were initiated had only made a change of names conveying the same idea as the secret name to those who knew, leaving the masses as unwise as ever.

Yet it was a beautiful idea of theirs, this Libra, or balance, expressing as much as could possibly be done without unveiling the whole and ultimate truth. They intended it to imply that when the course of evolution had taken the worlds to the lowest point of grossness, where the earths and their products were coarsest and their inhabitants most brutish, the turning point had been reached—the forces were at an even balance. At the lowest point the still lingering divine spark of spirit within began to convey the upward impulse. The scales typified that eternal equilibrium which is the necessity of a universe of harmony, of exact justice, of the balance of the centripetal and centrifugal forces, darkness and light, spirit and matter.

In astrology the first, fourth, seventh and tenth houses of the zodiac are termed angles and are the most important houses in the horoscope, and planets therein have the greatest power, and cardinal

signs in the angles if the planets are well aspected, give very strong characters, if the Moon which rules the personality is well aspected. Otherwise the personality is weak and will find difficulty in fighting the battle of life.

The sun rules the individuality, and should it be in an angle there will be much comfort in life, as well as success, especially if it be in the first house. In the fourth it brings comfort at the latter part of life, in the seventh in marriage, and in the tenth fame and honor, if not too much afflicted.

The spiritual signs form a triangle, Aries, Saggitarius, and Leo. The watery signs also form a triangle. Then there are the three crosses formed of the twelve signs of the Zodiac, which are named as follows: The Lunar or moon cross or body through which experience is gained. This is called "the cross of experience." Then the Solar cross, through which knowledge comes to us. Knowledge leads to the cross of revelation. Then we *know*. Through experience comes knowledge, and through knowledge spiritual truths are revealed to us and are the Christ body, the body of crucifixion. Nearly all the Temple members are on one arm of this cross.

The people who are on the Lunar cross are being fitted for life as it is in the world. Then they evolve to the point where they become teachers and leaders of men. From that they evolve to the Christ cross or cross of revelation, where spiritual truths are revealed to them, and they become spiritual teachers and are forced by evolution to the suffering necessary to fit them for such work. Once they accept the cross of crucifixion they give themselves unreservedly to the Master who has led them to this point in their evolution.

It is wrong and unjust to blame people for what they do not understand. If they are on the Lunar cross they do not understand what is on the Solar cross, and if they are on the Solar cross they cannot comprehend the spiritual truths revealed by the cross of revelation. We may have sensed one arm of a cross beyond where we are now and so get an inkling of what is beyond us. That is where we are just working a little nearer to the truth.

"The patriarchs are simply the signs of the Zodiac, emblems, in their aspects of the spiritual and physical evolution of human races, of ages and divisions of time. Adam and Eve, or God and the devil, as they say in common parlance, are two powers which, through their eternal conflict, keep the universe of spirit and matter

in harmony. They force the planets to pursue their paths and keep them in their elliptical orbits, thus tracing the astronomical cross in their revolution through the Zodiac. In their conflict the centrifugal force, were it to prevail, would drive the planets and living souls into the Sun, type of the invisible Spiritual Sun, the Para-Atma or great Universal Soul, their parent; while the centrifugal force would chase both planets and souls into the dreary space far from the luminary of the objective universe, away from the spiritual realm of salvation and eternal life and into the chaos of final cosmic destruction and individual annihilation. But the *balance* is there, ever sensitive at the *intersecting point*. It regulates the action of the two combatants, and the combined efforts of both cause planets and living souls to pursue a double diagonal line in their revolution through Zodiac and life; and preserving strict harmony in visible and invisible heaven and earth, the forced unity of the two reconciles spirit and matter, and Enoch is said to stand a Metatron before God."

"Adam,—Kadmon, Hermes, Enoch, Osiris, Krishna, Ormazd, and Christos are all one. They stand as Metatrons between body and soul, eternal spirits which redeem flesh by the regeneration of flesh below, and soul by regeneration above, where humanity walks once more with God."

IDA J. WILKINS.

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ANGLES OF SCIENCE.

LIGHT—IN BUNDLES.

If two men who both know what they are talking about come to opposite conclusions on a certain point, you may be reasonably sure that both are partly right and partly very wrong. Sir Isaac Newton has long been credited with being correct in all his scientific statements except the one wherein he said that light was corpuscular. He insisted to his dying day that light did not shoot through space in a steady stream like waves along a rope, but was made up of discreet particles, so that you could pick out a little piece of light without actually cutting anything. Other scientists endeavored to convince Newton that light could not be "bullets," but must be a wave motion in the ether. He died, however, unregenerate, and it is only in the last five or six years that we have begun to see that both Newton and the other scientists might have been partly right.

Light is a wave motion in the ether that travels in particles. Which needs some explanation, on the face of it.

Why did Newton insist that light was made up of discreet particles when all the evidence that was forthcoming seemed to strengthen arguments in favor of a wave motion? Some people would say that he knew it by intuition, being a genius, but as scientists are not supposed to have intuition, it being a very unscientific quantity, all he could do was to say that he did know it; he felt it in his bones. But he was rather unfortunate, for while his hunch that light was little bundles of something was apparently correct, he supposed, as you or I would, that bundles had to contain matter, whereas his bones had evidently meant bundles of *energy*.

Light is a wave motion in the ether, all right enough, but apparently the waves come all tied up in packages. So when you raise your window shade at night it is not a steady stream of light that comes sliding down a moonbeam, but a bunch of little parcels of ether waves, all neatly sorted out and each labelled *One Quantum*. This is rather a peculiar unit, but it has a meaning all its own, since we have reason to believe that a quantum is a sort of ultimate quantity of energy which cannot be sliced up.

Now, assuming that Newton was right, and that light is corpuscular, and that the other scientists were correct in calling it a wave motion, and hence that it consists of little wave-spurts through the ether, the next question is: "Why?" To answer this, several very eminent gentlemen of some scientific reputation have dug into an atom or two with their spectroscopes, and seen some very peculiar things. And if you had seen them, you would have said with them, or perhaps even before them, "Why, of course! Light can be nothing but spurts of waves through the ether. That is as plain as day!" But you would be forgetting for the moment that day is only made plain by this selfsame light, with its spurts and waves and quanta, which would be a very logical thing to forget.

But suppose that we have caught a hydrogen atom on our scalpels and laid its insides bare to the light of day. The thing in the center is its nucleus; a very positive nucleus. Around it electrons go circling in their orbits; several rings of them, with one electron in some rings, and more in others. Every once in a while an electron falls out of one ring into another closer to the nucleus, and while it falls it has to give up a bit of energy equal to one quantum, which radiates off through the ether as light. So if light were not given out in spurts;

if it were a continuous succession of waves, the electron would have to keep falling all the time, which might prove embarrassing.

Now an electron on the outermost ring of the atom can fall into any one of a number of rings. How it knows which one to choose to fall into I don't know, and not being a genius my bones can't help much. But the electron does know, and if it falls into one ring it emits a spurt of light of one wave length, perhaps red; if into another, a wave of a different length, perhaps blue, for it is the length of the wave of the light pulse emitted that determines the color we see.

We mustn't get the idea that these electrons are dropping about all the time, for if they were the poor atom would have no time to attend to other things, like vibrating to produce heat, or hunting around for oxygen atoms to unite with. In fact, such an occurrence probably happens only once in a great while, so that the atom looks upon it as more or less of an event, like appendicitis. Which is why scientists call this sort of action catastrophic. But if we look at a few cubic inches of luminous hydrogen, there are so many billions of atoms present that we can always count on enough to furnish a satisfactory number of quanta to read by.

But supposing all the electrons in all the atoms should fall into the innermost ring? If we watch the atom carefully, we see that every once in a while a little spurt of light from somewhere else hits an electron and lifts it into a ring farther out. And this light disappears; it has been absorbed by the electron, and cannot get out until the electron falls again into an inner ring and gives it up.

Which explains more or less why Sir Isaac Newton and his contemporaneous savants could be correct while mutually contradictory. Even so, lots of questions being fought out today will be solved as soon as someone sees that truth lies between the contracting parties, and not inside either of them. Which brings me around to my original proposition: that bones, as a physiology professor once remarked, are wonderful things. Though he could not have known much about light—in bundles.

BENEVOLUTUS.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR.

The Temple of the People—



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With the primary object of promulgating and disseminating the synthetic philosophical, scientific, as well as ethical truths, of the Wisdom Religion from whose universal Root have sprung every religion of any note either of modern or ancient times.



For over twenty years the Temple Society has been working along these lines under the authority and direct supervision of Masters of the Great White Brotherhood, who, in addition to furnishing Teachings of priceless value, use the Temple aura as a vehicle or channel through which cosmical and evolutionary forces are radiated into the aura of Humanity generally, inspiring those prepared, as well as the mass to take the next step upward—to vibrate to a higher note of soul expression.



It will be noted that The Temple of the People is an *organized body* differing from the Temple of Humanity which is an *unorganized body*—though embracing all humanity within its *unorganized folds*. The Temple of the People becomes a nucleus of radiant forces within the body of The Temple of Humanity that will in time throw that body into an order and system corresponding to the dynamic spiritual light concentrated in that nucleus of universal natural and divine forces.



All are born into The Temple of Humanity, but only the few can truly become an integral part of The Temple of the People because

to enter, certain conditions must be met and subscribed to before assimilation is made with the nucleus referred to and which assimilation when completed brings great spiritual illumination from the sacrifices required—the price usually paid for a closer approximation with the Central Flame.



In order that the Temple nucleus may be kept powerfully intact, the laws of *Centralization* must be rigidly adhered to, and all tendencies to decentralization eliminated. In all closely organized centralized bodies there is a tendency on the part of a unit now and then to fly off from the center. Unless this unit can be brought back or eliminated there ensues a menace to the integrity of the nucleus. Hence the necessity for an organization like The Temple of the People—a radiant nucleus—to build slowly and surely, requiring deep obligations to be taken as closer and closer identification is made with the nucleus, with each unit passing through both positive and negative tests to indicate ultimate fitness for the degree of MASTER BUILDER.

W. H. D.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Temple Builders—No. 175

THE TRIPLE KEY.

To My LITTLE FRIENDS—THE CHILDREN:

Can you just imagine that some one who loves you is talking to you?

Just picture in your mind a big sister, one who has lived a few years longer than you have, had a little more experience in life than you and traveled a little further.

We are going to talk about keys. That's a very simple subject, isn't it?

If I were right with you this minute, I would ask you to describe a key to me, what it is made of and what a key is for.

I can hear you say that a key is made of metal and that it is used to unlock doors and boxes and anything that has a lock upon it.

Why does anything have to be locked up? Because there is something precious, something that must be guarded with care and so it is protected from any harm by being carefully locked up.

The heading of this letter-lesson says—Triple Key—. What does the word "triple" mean? It means three. In other words, our subject could read—The Three Keys.

Why isn't one key enough? It is sometimes but this time we are to use three keys and I will tell you why.

Let's suppose that we have a very choice jewel, call it a ruby, or diamond or any kind of a jewel that you like.

Now, this jewel that is being so well guarded and taken care of is YOU—the REAL YOU and we must unlock about three doors to find YOU.

Did you ever think that YOU was hidden away like that? We must get our three keys and unlock the way to YOU.

We are going to call these keys, the three Keys of Understanding, because it is your understanding that must be unlocked in order to find YOU.

Is your body YOU? No, that's not YOU, your body is a part of YOU, it's one of the doors that we want to unlock in order to find YOU.

So we take our first Key of Understanding and we walk in. What do we find. We find another closed door and that is the door of the mind. Is your mind YOU? No, like the body, the mind that thinks and reasons is a part of YOU.

We must open this door of the mind with our second Key of Understanding and what do we find? We find the SOUL of YOU—that part of YOU that KNOWS without even stopping to think or reason.

This is almost YOU but not quite—YOU this lovely Jewel that is hidden away—but we have one more Key of Understanding to use and we open the third and last door and here YOU are, the Jewel of Beautiful Light shining away in this space Within your Soul, Mind and Body.

Now, every time that you do a kind and loving act, speak a kind word and think good thoughts, that Jewel Self of YOU is shining and sending forth a beautiful Light that radiates through your Soul, Mind and Body and then everybody loves you and wants to do nice things for you.

When we say the cross things that hurt another and do unkind acts to others, then our Jewel Self can't shine forth because this outer body of ours closes around and hides YOU.

The Great Masters of Love and Compassion whom we read and hear about, know all about these Three Keys or the Triple Key and in fact They teach us to use these Keys and keep our doors open so that Jewel Self can shine through and bring Light and Understanding to those who have not yet learned to open their doors.

Here's a beautiful work that every one of you children can do and every day of your lives to help this world to have more Light and Happiness for everybody in it.

Love to you, my younger brothers and sisters from your big sister. WANDA.

P. S.—If you would like to write to me, address me in care of the Temple of the People and I'll surely answer.

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J. W. D.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

For a long time many inquiries have been received for a list of suitable occult reading matter for children and young folk. A list is now being made and will be published by the Halcyon Book Concern. Before sending it to print, however, we would be glad

to have names and authors from any one who may know choice reading of the kind mentioned, as it is very difficult to find that which is wholesome, normal and interesting to the child as well. Any communication should be addressed to Halcyon Book Concern, Halcyon, California.

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Considerable difficulty has been found on the part of members or friends desiring to come to Halcyon in procuring information as to how to get to Halcyon by railroad. The railroad station is Oceano, Halcyon being only a postoffice situated one and a half miles from the Oceano railroad station, which is on the Coast Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

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Mrs. Augusta Volz and family, consisting of her daughter Freda and son Herman, are now permanent inhabitants of Halcyon, having purchased a comfortable cottage near the Centre in the vicinity of the Sanatorium. Mrs. Volz lived formerly in Snohomish, Washington State. This family is an appreciated acquisition to Halcyon.

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Mrs. Ida J. Wilkins is on a visit to friends in Los Angeles and adjacent regions recuperating from a minor operation recently necessary.

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Mrs. Birdie Nipper of Salt Lake City is a guest at the Sanatorium, coming for study and closer identification with the Temple Centre. It is hoped that this good sister may become a permanent resident of Halcyon as some indications point now.

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Captain Victor Endersby, U. S. A., made an interesting address at the regular Sunday Temple meeting February 13 last.

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THE APPROACHING AVATAR, by Sarah Merrill Wolff, is a timely book for this Messianic age. Price 25 cents postpaid.

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"An Open Book, or The Mirror of Destiny," by Meri (B. S.) is an attractive booklet, being a reprint from articles in THE

TEMPLE ARTISAN some years ago predicting coming events and changes in the world, and occult movements under the Lodge guidance. The booklet is issued by the Temple, and would make an interesting Christmas token. Price 25 cents a copy, postpaid. May be ordered from the Halcyon Book Concern or the Temple direct.

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Books on occult fiction are usually both interesting and instructive. The Halcyon Book Concern has recently selected an interesting list of such books which will be on sale from now on. Send for list if you are interested in occult fiction.

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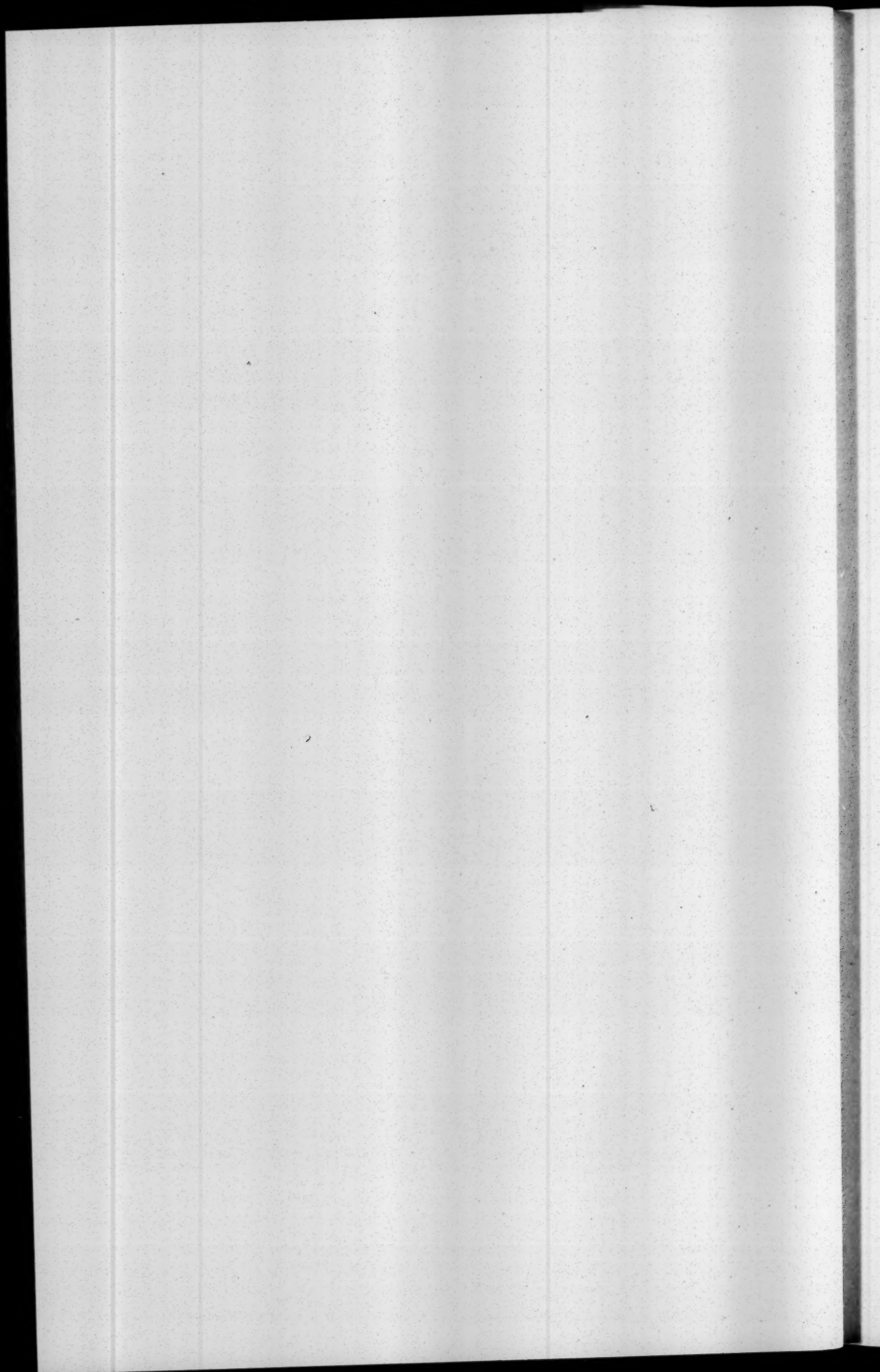
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